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SUBJECT: YOUTH FRIENDSHIP ORGANIZATIONS

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1. GEORGE MILLER HAS A LETTER DATED AUGUST 1 ENROUTE TO YOU. IT COVERS POINTS IN YOUR JULY 20 MEMO IN SOME DETAIL. I ENDORSE MILLER'S SUGGESTION THAT YOU ALSO REFER TO MY MAY 22 LETTER TO CHARGE ON SUBJECT OF PAYFO/ PAYFA AND OTHER FRIENDSHIP ORGANIZATIONS.
2. MILLER HAS MET ONLY PRESIDENTS OF TWO YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS. ALTHOUGH USIS HAS STANDING INVITATION TO ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP TO UTILIZE AMERICAN CENTER FACILITIES, NONE HAS EVER APPEARED.
3. OUR JUDGMENT IS THAT THESE TWO ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD CONTINUE TO RECEIVE SAME OFFER OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WITHIN OUR MEANS THAT WE EXTEND TO ALL OTHER SUCH ASSOCIATIONS IN THIS AREA. IT MIGHT BE WORTHWHILE NOTING THAT TO OUR KNOWLEDGE PAK-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP SOCIETIES PRESENTLY EXIST (AT LEAST ON PAPER) IN ALMOST EVERY CITY IN THE PUNJAB.

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4. WE BELIEVE THAT THERE IS MORE POTENTIAL IN INFORMAL

FRIENDSHIP GROUP LED BY ADVOCATE NASIM AHMAD, MENTIONED
IN MY MAY LETTER TO CHARGE. DAVID GRAY AND I MET WITH
25 MEMBERS THAT GROUP ON JULY 24 FOR TWO HOUR SESSION ON
U.S./PAKISTAN RELATIONS. IT WAS GRUELLING EXPERIENCE IN
TRYING TO OVERCOME AND CORRECT PLETHORA OF MYTHS
AND MISUNDERSTANDINGS CONCERNING U.S. POSITIONS BUT WE
CAME AWAY WITH IMPRESSION THAT THESE PEOPLE HONESTLY WANT
TO LEARN WHAT U.S. POLICIES ARE AND ARE WELL WORTH OUR EFFORTS.
WE HAVE FOLLOWED UP WITH MATERIALS SUCH AS SOUTH ASIAN
SECTION OF PRESIDENT'S FOREIGN POLICY STATEMENT, U.S. PRESS
CLIPPINGS ON POW ISSUE AND OTHER APPROPRIATE MATERIALS.

5. EMBASSY CAN BE ASSURED THAT WE ARE SENSITIVE TO STRENGTHS
AND POTENTIALITIES ORGANIZATIONS LIKE PAYFO/PAYFA AND WILL
ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN RELATIONS WITH THEM WHICH ARE
WITHIN OUR CAPABILITIES AND COMMENSURATE WITH THEIR
POTENTIAL BENEFIT TO U.S. INTERESTS HERE.
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